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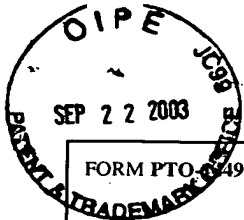
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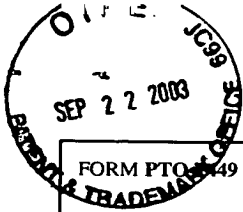
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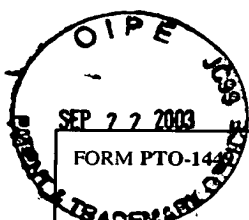
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	AB	2,792,052	05/14/1957	Johannesen			
	AC	3,165,314	01/12/1965	Clearman et al.			
	AD	4,312,505	01/26/1982	Engelhart			
	AE	4,345,790	08/24/1982	Coe			
	AF	4,532,948	08/06/1985	Burrows			
	AG	4,708,274	11/24/1987	Roche			
	AH	4,809,804	03/07/1989	Houston et al.			
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	AN	WO 98/33466	6 August 1998	PCT			
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